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Daytime-Emmy Winner Sentenced for Attempted Murder of Tenant

An Emmy-winning television producer was sentenced yesterday to 13 years in state prison for stabbing his Studio City tenant, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Elan S. Carr said that Andre Salamán Bautista, aka Andre Bauth, 38, was found guilty by a judge on Feb. 2 of attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Gregory Dohi also found true allegations that he used a knife and caused great bodily injury.

On Sept. 8, 2015, Bautista got into an argument with one of his tenants in a boarding house he operated. The argument began when the boarder laughed after the defendant said he would someday win five Academy Awards.

According to witness testimony, in a rage, Bautista stormed out of the bedroom in which he and the victim were arguing, retrieved a knife from the kitchen, and pursued the victim into another bedroom where he stabbed his tenant in the chest, piercing a lung.

The victim survived the attack. The defendant fled the country, eventually surrendering to authorities in Mexico City. According to court testimony, Bautista had previously written and starred in an independent movie about a landlord who operated a boarding house and murdered his tenants.

Case LAo81744 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, North Hollywood Station.

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